

# City of



Winter 2014

# ALIQUIPPA

BEAVER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

*"INSTEAD OF FOCUSING ON PEOPLE'S WEAKNESS, GIVE YOUR ATTENTION TO PEOPLE'S STRENGTHS. FOCUS ON SHARPENING SKILLS THAT ALREADY EXIST. COMPLIMENT POSITIVE QUALITIES. BRING OUT THE GIFTS INHERENT IN THEM. WEAKNESS CAN WAIT. BECOME A PERSON OF INFLUENCE".*

Dear Neighbors,

I have a personal question to ask you. "What do you want most for your community?" Only you as a resident of this city can help to define the purpose of your community, only you can help to choose the direction, in which your city should move, and only you can create common interests, build common ground for action, and generate the political will to act together as one voice to make it happen. No governing body that serves its citizens can function effectively for a sustainable period of time without the community's energy and support. This is a prerequisite for any community to survive and develop.

Without the perspectives that you as an individual or as a group bring to the form for discussion, your governing body becomes a prisoner of personal circumstances, being shackled and constrained by twentieth century choices. We need the voices and support of members of this community to move forward with this administration into the twenty-first century. This governing entity, needs multiple perspectives to see how all of the experiences in all facets of our community's life, add up to an overview of the city as a whole. To govern itself, the public must see how the whole of the community fits together as a working unit. Knowing particular parts well will not get the job done. We have to take account of the past, present, and future to bring our city together.

Get engaged with all facets of city government; your school board, your city council, and your water authority. Attend meetings regularly to voice your concerns as taxes payers about the direction that your elected leaders are guiding your community. Ask questions, you have a right to know why things are the way that they are. And offer a better way of improvement. You have a civic responsibility to engage the system. So get energized to improve your community and join the team of ONE ALIQUIPPA "ALL HANDS ON DECK".



*Mayor Dwan Walker*

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## NOTICE FROM THE REDEVELOPMENT AND PORT AUTHORITY

Aliquippa, PA is situated along the Ohio River in Beaver County in southwestern PA. Along the river is extensive industrial property that was once home to a J&L steel mill. Since the late 20th century, when the steel industry left the area, Aliquippa has lost over half of its population. Many other businesses in the city that were supported by employees of or activities at the mill have also closed. This devastated the downtown commercial district and left neighborhoods to struggle with deteriorating infrastructure and abandoned homes.



### TIME FOR A CHANGE

As grim as that sounds, in the decades since the mill's closing Aliquippa has maintained a strong sense of community and pride in its industrial heritage. Although the city has known tough times, it has never lost its heart. Now that there is a promise of new economic vitality in the region (through Marcellus Gas activities and a recovering national economy), Aliquippa officials recognize that they need to garner new resources for the city and to plan for the kinds of strategic growth that will lead Aliquippa into the coming decades as a city on the road to a brighter future.

One step taken was to establish the Aliquippa Redevelopment Authority. Having a functioning Redevelopment Authority with the ability to raise resources and coordinate economic development activities will position Aliquippa to participate directly in policy discussions that impact the city. It will also attract the expertise and build the capacity to redevelop all underutilized areas of the city.

### ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

The Redevelopment Authority was established by ordinance in April of 2013. Its purpose is to support and encourage healthy and robust business and residential development within Aliquippa by undertaking activities that may include but not be limited to acquiring, constructing or renovating properties and community planning activities.

The Redevelopment Authority Board is comprised of seven (7) appointed members, all of whom serve without compensation. The Mayor of Aliquippa appoints the members, the majority of whom

must be residents of the City of Aliquippa and citizens of the United States. Appointments and terms of board members are staggered to support institutional knowledge and memory. Meeting dates and times are determined by the board.

Although members of the authority board are appointed by an elected official, once appointed they operate independent of elected officials and voters. The Authority can own property and raise money by charging user fees and rent on their facilities. Typical projects for public authorities are revenue-producing facilities such as buildings, transportation facilities, marketing and shopping facilities, highways, parkways, airports, parking facilities, water works, sewage systems and treatment plants, playgrounds, hospitals and industrial development projects, although this authority may chose not to undertake these types of projects.

### A COLLABORATIVE APPROACH

The Aliquippa Redevelopment Authority is a separate legal entity from city government and from other local economic development organizations. It is a public authority, meaning it gets direction and mandates from its enabling legislation and its own board. However, in recognition of the benefit of coordinating activities with these other entities, the Redevelopment Authority Board and staff will strive to establish strong, transparent and dynamic relationships with these other organizations. That could mean working to determine common goals and objectives and working together to raise the resources necessary to reach them.

### SEEKING NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Aliquippa is looking for city residents (fitting the statutory requirements) who are interested in becoming Redevelopment Authority Board members. Redevelopment Authority positions are unpaid but members will play a vital role in the coming renaissance of our city. There are untold opportunities being missed - chances to bring in new businesses and resources that could begin to transform whole sections of the city within a decade's time. With the capacity that is inherent in the Redevelopment Authority's mission and scope of responsibility, Aliquippa can build relationships and provide guidance and direction to vital redevelopment activities.

## CITY COUNCIL — FOUR (4) YEAR TERM

| NAME   | TERM EXPIRES |
|--|--------------|
| Dwan Walker, Mayor, President of Council, Director of Public Affairs | 12/31/2015   |
| Donald C. Walker III, Director of Parks & Recreation                 | 12/31/2015   |
| Mark Delon, Director of Streets & Public Improvements                | 12/31/2015   |
| Earl Trump, Director of Public Safety                                | 12/31/2013   |
| Ella Hudson, Director of Accounts & Finance                          | 12/31/2013   |

## NOTICE FROM THE ALIQUIPPA REFUSE DEPARTMENT

Dear City Residents,

Please be aware of the following information regarding your refuse service and billing in 2014.

The City is currently in contract with Waste Management of Ambridge, PA until the end of 2014. Despite the escalating fuel costs and continual rise in contractor pricing, the City has not increased the refuse rates to the residents since 2009.

The 2014 refuse bills are mailed the 1st week of January. They are mailed on a quarterly basis in the months of January, April, July & October. Please be reminded that there are **NO** exceptions for not receiving a bill. It is the resident's responsibility to ensure that they receive a bill. All property owners are required to pay for refuse service. If it is a rental property, the Owners are ultimately held accountable by the City for payment if a tenant fails to pay.

### RATES:

Our rates for garbage/refuse service is \$45.00 per quarter or (\$180.00 yearly) for residents under the age of 65 years old.

If you are Age 65 by January 1, 2014 you are entitled to pay the senior rate of \$40.00 per quarter or (\$160.00 per year) with proof of identification submitted to the City if you are not currently in our system as a senior citizen.

A 10% penalty will be applied if paid after the due date. A Past due balance of \$100.00 or larger will result in a citation or collection procedures.

### DISCOUNT RATES

If the entire yearly garbage bill is paid in full by January 31, 2014 you are entitled to receive a 10% discount calculated below:

**SENIOR CITIZEN** (Age 65 or older by January 1, 2014) discounted rate is \$144.00-This is the full amount of the year!! Please do not send less than \$144.00, as the discount is already calculated.

**REGULAR CITIZEN** (Residents under the age of 65 as of January 1, 2014) DISCOUNTED RATE IS \$162.00-This is the full amount of the year!! Please do not send less than \$162.00, as the discount is already calculated for you.

If you have any questions, please contact our City Office at 724-375-5188.

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO RECYCLE!!**



## 2014 RECYCLING CALENDAR

| January  | February   | March   | April  |
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| May  | June   | July  | August   |
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- ➔ Please remember that garbage service is **1 day behind schedule** on the following Holidays:
- ➔ **January 1, 2014**  
New Year's Day
- ➔ **May 26, 2014**  
Memorial Day
- ➔ **July 4th, 2014**  
Independence Day
- ➔ **September 1st, 2014**  
Labor Day
- ➔ **November 27, 2014**  
Thanksgiving
- ➔ **December 25, 2014**  
Christmas Day



# ALIQUIPPA SCHOOL DISTRICT

## PTA 2013-2014 MEMBERSHIP

Thank you for your interest in joining the PTA! You can make a difference. Through the PTA we are able to continue to build the bridge between home and school.

When PTA gets involved, children benefit. When YOU get involved with PTA, the child who benefits most is your own.

Please check: ☒

Parent \_\_\_\_\_ Student \_\_\_\_\_ ASD Staff \_\_\_\_\_ Community \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ CARD# \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

Child's name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

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Child's name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

*If you need additional space, please attach a sheet....*

Below is a list of committees and programs that we need volunteers.

Please circle the ALL ones that interest you.

☐ Fall Fundraiser

☐ Spirit Wear

☐ Founder's Day (February)

☐ Scholastic Book Fair(s)

☐ Box Tops for Education

☐ Membership

☐ Market Day (1st Tuesdays)

☐ Spring/Easter Fundraiser

☐ Teacher Appreciation (May)

☐ Santa's Workshop (December)

☐ Cambell Soup Labels

☐ Ways & Means

Return to your child's school with \$5.00 cash or check payable to "Aliquippa PTA" in an envelope marked PTA Membership.

Thanking you in advance for your cooperation and support.





## **B. F. JONES MEMORIAL LIBRARY**

### **Aliquippa District Library Center**

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## **A MESSAGE FROM OUR LIBRARY**

The B. F. Jones Memorial Library on Franklin Avenue in downtown Aliquippa is a landmark in the community. With a collection of more than 90,000 items, the Library serves 28,000 people in the City of Aliquippa and Hopewell, Independence, and Raccoon Townships. Residents from the southern portion of neighboring Center Township also call B.F. Jones their home library. The Library has 9,000 card holders, and loans an average of 6,000 items each month. By borrowing books and movies from the Library instead of buying, residents save a total of \$150,000 each month.

The B. F. Jones Memorial Library is a beautiful Italian-Renaissance-style building, built in 1928 for the City of Aliquippa by the family of steel magnate Benjamin Franklin Jones. The interior features travertine and Kosada marble, with ornate plaster ceilings throughout the main floor. Stately bronze and iron gates created by German-American metal craftsman Oscar Bruno Bach mark the entrances to the Reading and Reference Rooms. The Director's Office, formerly the Children's Story Time room, features a magnificent leaded glass window with ten stained glass medallions of Mother Goose nursery rhymes, created by artist Henry Hunt of Pittsburgh. The window was refurbished in 2011 to recover its original grandeur and preserve it for the future.

The B.F. Jones Memorial Library will celebrate its 85th anniversary in 2014. The doors were first opened in February 1929. Library is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and the Pennsylvania Inventory of Historic Places because of its outstanding architecture.

The Library offers a variety of programs and services for residents of all ages:

- Books and movies for everyone
- Babygarden for families with babies and toddlers
- Preschool story times for younger children
- Turn-About Reader for 1st and 2nd graders
- Lego Club for school-age children
- Battle of the Books for 5th and 6th graders, in partnership with their school libraries
- Traveling Tales outreach program for local day care centers

- Outreach story time programs in Hopewell and surrounding communities
- Chess Club for all ages
- Public computers with free internet access
- Free public WiFi for laptops and other devices
- Classes on basic computer use and specific software applications
- Ancestry databases and historic newspapers on microfilm for genealogy research
- Special programs, including book clubs and book talks by local authors
- Programs for teens, including book clubs, crafts, game days, and movie nights
- Downloadable e-books and audio books
- Proctoring exams for distance learners
- Encyclopedia Britannica on-line and Britannica Kids
- E-magazines for download to your tablet or device
- Family movie nights
- Craft programs
- Job and Career Accelerator Resume Builder and support for job seekers
- Tumble Books on-line animated story books for preschoolers and primary grades
- New book alerts and on-line book clubs and newsletters
- Summer Reading programs to help children maintain their school skills
- Archives of J&L and local history
- Kennedy Presidential display, commemorating the President's visit to Aliquippa in 1962
- Business resources

The Library relies on state aid, funding from local municipalities, grants, and donations for day-to-day operations. A small group of dedicated volunteers assists the staff with programs, services, and raising funds. The Library is an integral part of the Greater Aliquippa Community.





## ALIQUIPPA BUREAU OF FIRE

### Who are we?

The City of Aliquippa is fortunate to have one of 3 paid fire departments in Beaver County. The department operates one station located at 1499 Kennedy Blvd. The station is manned by 9 fulltime firefighters and 3 part time fire fighters, who man the station 24 hours a day 7 days per week, 365 days a year. We have 2 fire engines, 1 105 ft. ladder truck, 1 rescue truck, 1 rescue squad, 1 rescue trailer, and 1 traffic control trailer. We respond to fire calls, emergency medical calls and any type of technical rescue. All members are cross trained in fire suppression, EMS, vehicle rescue, trench rescue, structural collapse rescue, high angle rescue and confined space rescue. You, the citizens of Aliquippa, have one of the highest trained fire departments in Western PA. As a group we are second to none. We may not be as clean and polished as some, but for training, experience, compassion and courage, nobody can match us.

### What we are doing?

2013 was a very busy/productive year for the fire bureau. We responded to 1100 calls this year, 26 of those being structural fires. We are always training and working on projects in the station. We see a lot of heartbreaking things in our line of work. So when we get a chance to participate in something positive, we jump at it. We hung tomahawks and spray painted Indian heads around the city in support of our local student athletes. We took Santa around town to visit all the smiling children. We, allegedly, spray painted Indian heads and hung tomahawks on the Beaver Falls Fire Station in support of our Football team, but this is only an allegation. Our proudest moment this year was when we, along with support from the community and Mayor Walker were able to raise \$28,000.00 to purchase jackets for all the children in the elementary school.

### Where are we going?

The Fire bureau is headed in only one direction and that is forward. With the great support we have been receiving from the community and the city administration I see big things in our future. We will continue to increase our level of training and expertise, we will continue to add new equipment to our cache, and we will continue our involvement in the community. We have some new ideas we are discussing with the mayor. With your support, we can all accomplish great things in the City of Aliquippa.

Come see us some time, come for a tour of YOUR fire department. We are always here for you.

*Stay Safe Aliquippa*  
*Chief David Foringer*

Winter 2014



## Claim Top 17 Veteran Assistance Resources

| Service   | Contact Info   |
|---|--|
| <b>Disability Claim</b><br>Assistance, Kathy Nairn,   | 724-770-4450 or Beaver County Courthouse, 'G' Level  |
| <b>VA Health Care</b><br>Registration at VA   | Panera Bread Plaza   |
| <b>Job Training Assistance</b><br>from Job Training Beaver County (JTBC), Work Certified Training and Vocational Assessment Certified Training and review | Pat at 724-728-4860, Ext 218 for eligibility review  |
| <b>Unemployment Compensation</b><br>for application and questions   | UC Hotline CareerLink CRC or 412-267-1494 or <a href="http://www.uc.pa.gov">www.uc.pa.gov</a>                                |
| <b>Order DD214</b> from Federal Government. *Vet Rep can assist with fax of confirmation form.  | <a href="http://www.archives.gov">www.archives.gov</a> (print and sign confirmation form and fax as directed)                |
| Employment/training help related to <b>disability</b> with <b>OVR Vet Rep</b> (Gina)  | 724-656-3070 and leave a message for Gina.   |
| <b>Budget Assistance</b> from Neighbor Works (Tammy)  | 412-281-9773 or 877-872-3608 Ext. 100  |
| <b>Ongoing food/shelter/clothing/Housing/More</b> help from DPW   | <a href="http://www.compass.state.ga.us">www.compass.state.ga.us</a> or 724-773-7300 or visit at 171 Virginia Ave, Rochester |
| Food Pantry or Soup Kitchen for <b>immediate food assistance</b>  | See Flyer in CRC   |
| <b>Cell Phone</b> provision from Assurance Wireless   | 888-898-4888   |
| <b>Employment Help, Training, and Aid</b> from Veterans Leadership Program of Western PA  | 412-481-8200   |
| <b>VA Voc. Rehab</b> and Education  | Apply at <a href="http://vabenefits.vba.va.gov">http://vabenefits.vba.va.gov</a>   |
| PA Dental Association for <b>dentistry assistance</b>   | 717-234-5941 or <a href="http://www.padental.org">www.padental.org</a>   |
| <b>Legal Aid</b> from Neighborhood Legal Svcs.  | For eligibility review call 724-378-0595   |
| Basic <b>Computer Skills</b> Training   | Ambridge: 724-266-3857<br>Beaver: 724-775-1132   |
| <b>Senior Assistance</b> from Area Agency on Aging  | 724-847-2262   |
| <b>Veterans Employment</b><br>Rep Jack Lyden  | Complete Assessment form available from CareerLink Receptionist  |

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#### Veterans and Families

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**Mon.-Fri. 9-12 & 1-3**

## AN OPEN LETTER TO THE CITIZENS OF ALIQUIPPA:

As you know, The City of Aliquippa has often come under intense scrutiny. The specific focus of this examination has portrayed our city as a corrupt and unsafe place to visit. Offering only a longstanding element of crime and a reputation of being an unhealthy place to dwell and nurture a family. A place that has historically endured negative comments, events, insults, slurs, expressions of hatred, and yes, at times even threats. As a community leader, it has always been difficult to tolerate the destructive comments that have for decades undermine our city and residents. Causing our leadership to move away from an exchange of views supported with positive reasons. As a newly elected Mayor, I feel obligated to address these concerns and correct these misconceptions about our city. This administration views our community as being unique, distinct, and valuable. If the critics of our residents and city would take the time to evaluate the city's merits they will see that it is a community with shared values; A community committed to recovery and improvement.

As citizens, we are proud of Aliquippa's strong tradition of neighbors helping neighbors. Quoting from the book titled 21 indispensable qualities of a leader, "servant leadership is never motivated by manipulation or self-promotion. In the end, the extent of your influence depends on the depth of your concern for others." That's why it important for leaders to be willing to serve. The vision starts within. It draws on the past and moves forward, performing as a magnet—attracting, challenging, and uniting people. Gathering resources along the way, building leadership capacity among our citizens to address community concerns. The goal of this administration is to rebuild The City of Aliquippa into a competitive urban community, which attracts residents and business, because of our positive image, strong character, and progressive mindedness. Having a transparent governing body that serves and leads the people of Aliquippa in the 21st century.

This plan is part of the welcome, wanted, and important focus of our proud leaders of Aliquippa. Each initiative that this administration developed has a common theme: A BOLD VISION FOR A NEW AND BETTER ALIQUIPPA WITH THE PRINCIPLES OF, "ONE ALIQUIPPA ALL HANDS ON DECK." This administration looks forward to a long lasting relationship with the community as we continue to share the people's vision of making "One Aliquippa All Hands On Deck" a reality.

The Honorable Mayor,

*Dwan B.G. Walker*

DWAN B.G. WALKER

And The City of Aliquippa Council



## ALIQUIPPA POLICE DEPARTMENT

### PERSONAL SAFETY TIPS:

During the holidays, some people see an opportunity for unlawfulness: The Awareness of the following can prevent potential crimes:

In a robbery, personal safety, not property is the first consideration. Individuals can minimize risk of personal injury during a robbery by:

- Cooperating and not resisting.
- Assuming there is a weapon, even if one cannot be seen
- Staying calm



- Keeping hands in sight and not making any sudden moves.

As a community we must utilize our moral and ethical strength to come to a resourceful resolution for any problems plaguing our community and collaboratively ensure that the quality of life in our community constantly improves, so that the City of Aliquippa can truly be One.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donald Couch  
Asst. Chief of Police





## CODE ENFORCEMENT / ZONING

This is not a complete representation of the Law or UCC Inspection Code and is provided as a guide to assist homeowners in understanding the inspection process. Items are inspected on a pass I fail system. All properties are inspected prior to any Occupancy Permit being issued. Homeowners or Realtors can request a Certificate of Occupancy and Use Compliance Inspection, and must be submitted in writing, and accompanied with the appropriate fees to the City as soon as possible, but not less than ten (10) working days prior to the requested inspection date. Repairs needed must be completed prior to the issuance of a Final Occupancy Certificate.

**Michael A. Demeack**

Code Enforcement I Zoning Officer

### EXTERIOR

1. **SANITATION:** Rubbish, brush, old tires and other debris on and around Property.
2. **GRASS & WEEDS:** Not to exceed 6" in height.
3. **EXTERIOR COATING:** Condition of siding materials and/or paint. "No chipping, peeling or cracking."
4. **SIDEWALKS, PARKING AREAS & DRIVEWAYS:** Broken or missing areas of pavement or asphalt that may constitute a potential tripping hazard.
5. **FOUNDATIONS, WALLS & STRUCTURAL MEMBERS:** Stability and no signs of deterioration. "Holes or Cracks."
6. **ROOF & DRAINAGE:** Roof, gutters and downspouts show no signs of leakage and provide a positive flow of run off away from structures.
7. **INSECT SCREENS:** Must be installed from May through October.
8. **CHIMNEY(S):** Free from blockage and in sound condition "No Loose Bricks".
9. **WINDOWS & DOORS:** Must be operable, with no evidence of deterioration of the frames and no broken or missing panes of glass.
10. **ACCESSORY STRUCTURES:** Condition of any or all garages, pools, sheds, fences and retaining walls.
11. **HANDRAILS & GUARDS:** Shows no signs of loose, broken, missing or deterioration on steps, porches, decks or open ended walking surfaces.
12. **REFUSE CONTAINERS:** Approved trash containers with tight fitting lids.
13. **STREET NUMBERS:** Must be visible from the street with a contrasting background. with "Arabic numbers at least 3 in height and a 1/2 inch stroke."
14. **STAIRWAYS, DECKS, PORCHES & BALCONY:** No signs of deterioration. "Broken, rotted or missing steps, and/or structural weakness."
15. **ELECTRICAL HAZARDS:** Main entrance cable secured properly and insulation is in sound condition.

### INTERIOR

1. **STRUCTURAL MEMBERS:** No signs of deterioration of beams, plates, studs and joists.
2. **INTERIOR SURFACES:** No chipping, peeling or cracking of paint or plaster on walls or ceilings.
3. **STAIRS & RAILINGS:** Maintained in a structurally sound condition, with no loose railings, balusters, or broken steps.
4. **HANDRAILS & GUARDS:** Shows no signs of loose, broken, missing or deterioration.
5. **COMMON HALL & STAIRWAY LIGHTING:** Minimum of one (1) light required.
6. **WINDOWS:** Size of windows must be a minimum 8% of the floor space, operable and lockable.
7. **CEILING HEIGHT:** Minimum of seven (7) feet in height.
8. **SMOKE DETECTORS:** One on each floor and one in each bedroom. "Not required in attic if not occupied."
9. **BATHROOM:** General Condition, Broken plaster, floor coverings, mold, fixture condition, adequate water supply and proper drains.
10. **FLOOR COVERINGS:** Linoleum, wood and carpeting not in a deteriorated condition.
11. **WATER SUPPLY:** Insure adequate pressure and volume is provided throughout structure.
12. **FOOD PREPARATION AREA:** Maintained in a clean and sanitary condition. "Mounted 21/2-5 pound ABC Fire Extinguisher required in all kitchens."
13. **ELECTRICAL HAZARDS:** Bare wiring, receptacles, switches, wires hanging from walls, ceiling or panel box, and excessive use of extension cords.
14. **RECEPTACLES:** Checked for polarity and proper use, GFCI "Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter" receptacles are required within six (6) feet of any water source.
15. **DOORS & FRAMES:** Insure there is deterioration, operable and weather tight.
16. **HEATING & COOLING SYSTEM:** Properly vented and sealed to chimney.
17. **WATER HEATER:** Properly vented and sealed to chimney, pressure relief valve is plumbed within 4 inches from floor.
18. **OTHER:**
  - a) Where a garage is under or attached to a dwelling unit a CO2 "carbon monoxide detector" is required.
  - b) Third floor occupancies require a second means of egress.

## NOTICE FROM PARKS AND RECREATION

“Unless the LORD builds the house, they labor in vain who build it; unless the LORD guards the city, the watchman stays awake in vain” - PSALM 121:7

### **Mission Statement:**

*The mission of Aliquippa Parks and Recreation Advisory Board is to maintain the responsibility of planning, providing, and maintaining the city's park and recreation facilities. The board duties are to offer enriching recreational activities and facilities for people of all ages and abilities, and utilize the “All Hands on Deck” principle to maintain facilities and generate ideas to raise funds.*

### **Objective:**

To restore, maintain and build viable parks and provide recreational space to our city's residents and visitors and provide fun activities to unite Aliquippa as ‘One Aliquippa.’

### **Goals:**

1. Renovate existing playgrounds and bring them in compliance with Consumer Product Safety Guidelines; continue a program to replace and/or renovate playgrounds on a 5-year cycle.
2. Improve the variety of parks, recreational and open space opportunities available to the community; utilize surrounding businesses and residents' labor and financial support for these ventures.
3. Build and enhance community partnerships to deliver quality services and facilities; promote ‘All Hands on Deck’ principle to promote ownership and pride in these areas.
4. Build partnerships with our School District, government entities and non-profit agencies serving City of Aliquippa to gender cooperative uses of facilities in delivery of recreation and community programs and services.

The future of the City of Aliquippa and its Parks and Recreation Department depends on the support of the community, its citizens and governing bodies. The “All Hands on Deck” principle teaches no one person or council of persons can make a difference. Making a difference requires everyone pushing to build and make our dreams come true. The “One Aliquippa” principle cannot be more visible than in our parks and on our streets.

### **POLICIES FOR CITY PARKS:**

1. Work with local, state, and federal organizations to provide coordinated community services and a city park system that effectively manages, conserves and protects city resources and residents, while providing safe avenues for play and interaction with neighbors.
2. Develop attractive and secure parks, recreation, open space and community service facilities which are accessible to all citizens, regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, age, income, sexual orientation, or physical ability.

3. City of Aliquippa will use Park, Recreation and Open Space policies to provide safe, well-maintained park and recreational opportunities for residents and visitors throughout the city.

4. Continue replacement of outdated play lots and facilities and identify needs for more in near future.

### **Implementation Strategies:**

1. Seek grants and other non-city funding resources for Park Development, Recreation and other projects.
2. To support implementation of Parks and Development of Open Space in the City.
3. Improve and enhance the role of the city to create and maintain significant park facilities on regular basis. Utilize and enhance interaction and educational opportunities for residents and neighborhoods.
4. Update infrastructure to ensure adequate resources are available and meet service levels of our city parks, recreational centers and open space for future projects.
5. Board will assist in raising funds.
6. Implementing new ideas
7. “All Hands on Deck” cleaning parks (weather permitting), evaluating equipment, adding and/or repairing equipment as needed and when funds allow.

As a city, be proactive instead of reactive. When something needs fixing, “do it,” don't wait until repairs worsen and become more expensive to achieve (currently, we spend more than we need to). Cultivate and imbibe the necessary ‘One Aliquippa’ principle, i.e., all residents, businesses, locals and neighbors must be involved to achieve these goals. This is our goal and commitment as Aliquippa's Park and Recreation Advisory Board, to unitedly strive to attain and be guided by our goals. On behalf of the City, we thank you for all you do to bring this city together as one.

Advisory Board: Donald C. Walker III, Councilmen and Department Head, Dave Foringer, President, Sheryl Young, Vice President, Sandra “Pumpkin” Gill, Secretary, Amy J. Walker, Treasurer, Andre Davis, Sargent-At-Arms, City Residents are the “ALL HANDS ON DECK” Team!





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## MEETING SCHEDULE

The Council of the City of Aliquippa will meet in **REGULAR** and **WORK SESSION** as noted below during the Calendar Year 2014, Beginning at 7:00 PM, in City Council Chambers, 581 Franklin Avenue, Aliquippa, Pa.

### **REGULAR MEETING 7:00 PM**

**JANUARY 8, 2014**

**FEBRUARY 5, 2014**

**MARCH 5, 2014**

**APRIL 2, 2014**

**MAY 7, 2014**

**JUNE 4, 2014**

**JULY 2, 2014**

**AUGUST 6, 2014**

**SEPTEMBER 3, 2014**

**OCTOBER 1, 2014**

**NOVEMBER 5, 2014**

**DECEMBER 3, 2014**

### **WORK SESSION MEETING 7:00 PM**

**JANUARY 29, 2014**

**FEBRUARY 26, 2014**

**MARCH 26, 2014**

**APRIL 30, 2014**

**MAY 28, 2014**

**JUNE 25, 2014**

**JULY 30, 2014**

**AUGUST 27, 2014**

**SEPTEMBER 24, 2014**

**OCTOBER 29, 2014**

**NOVEMBER 19, 2014**

**DECEMBER 22, 2014**

The Aliquippa Planning Commission will meet the last Monday of every month during 2014, in Council Chambers, 581 Franklin Avenue, Aliquippa, Pa 15001, beginning At 7:00 Pm.

The Aliquippa Zoning Board will meet quarterly as follows: JANUARY 9, APRIL 10, JULY 10, OCTOBER 9, 2014 at 6:00pm

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